

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VENDOR DAY

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Description

THIS IS NOT A NOTICE OF SOLICITATION ISSUANCE. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) will host a second Vendor Day to present the changes in requirements in the Procurement of Computer Hardware and Software-3 (PCHS-3) acquisition since the last Vendor Day. All vendors, especially Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses, interested in this acquisition are encouraged to attend this important event. A firm must be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (www.ccr.gov) to attend the PCHS-3 Vendor Day, no exceptions. Attendance is limited to two individuals per firm due to limited seating in the Jefferson Auditorium. North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes **334111/334112/334119/423430** are expected to be applicable to this acquisition. The second Vendor Day for PCHS-3 will be held on November 30, 2005) at the United States Department of Agriculture's, Jefferson Auditorium, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250 (please note: the Department of Agriculture is neither connected with nor involved in the conduct of this acquisition). Sign-in will begin at 7:00 am and the Solicitation Overview beginning promptly at 9:00 am (Eastern Time). Vendor Day is an opportunity to network and explore possible teaming or joint venture arrangements with other firms as well as potential subcontracting opportunities. The session will also assist VA acquisition professionals and program officials to gauge the level of interest by small businesses in the various socioeconomic categories, particularly Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses. The intent of this Second Vendor Day for PCHS-3 is to bring interested businesses together to hear from the Contracting Officer and Senior Program Officials about the PCHS-3 acquisition. The procurement is for IT products which encompass networks, security, healthcare automation, software, e-business, online documentation, online data services, paperless office, wireless technology, licensing, imaging, voice activated computers, personal digital assistants, maintenance, installation, and office automation. Offerors should submit questions they would like addressed at the second Vendor Day to the Contracting Officer, Mrs. Jackie Pinkston, jackie.pinkston@mail.va.gov as soon as possible. Questions arising at Vendor Day must be submitted in writing. All questions and answers will be posted on the VA website. This presolicitation announcement is not a contract, or a request for proposals, or a promise to contract, or a commitment of any kind. The VA will NOT assume liability for costs incurred by any offeror for travel expenses, presentations, marketing efforts or any data offered for examination; therefore, the cost of preparing information in response to this notice is not considered an allowable direct charge to the Government. VA OSDBU will provide a venue immediately after the conclusion of the presentation with the Contracting Officer and VA program officials for vendors to network and explore possible teaming or joint venture arrangements with other firms as well as potential subcontracting opportunities. The PCHS-3 acquisition strategy has not been finalized at this time. VA anticipates soliciting for these requirements on or about February 16, 2006.

Participants in the Second Vendor Day for PCHS-3 are requested to enter the Jefferson Auditorium through Wings 1 and 7 located at the corner of 12th Street and Independence Avenue and 14th Street and Independence Avenue, respectively. Vendors are encouraged to take public transportation, as parking is not available. The Jefferson Auditorium is located adjacent to the Smithsonian Metro Station (Independence Avenue Exit) ½ block from entrance way. The Smithsonian Metro Station is served by the orange and blue lines. Vendors interested in attending the second Vendor Day for PCHS-3 may fax or email their vendor profile page from the CCR together with the names of the two attendees to the attention of James Stewart at (James.Stewart@va.gov or fax 202 565-8156).

A picture ID is required for each participant to enter the Department of Agriculture -- no exceptions. Additionally, visitors will be required to go through a security screening check point.